

# Transport Policy

## Junior Matches - Transport Arrangements

Chertsey Cricket Club requires all parents, guardians/carers to ensure that players under the age of 18 years old are transported to and from the training and or playing venue.

Please ensure the coach, manager or event organiser is aware of the players arrival and departure arrangements to and from the venue. This must be pre-arranged and agreed with the responsible adult for that event.

If you are unable to transport your child to a game or training session, please arrange an alternative and appropriate method for your child's transportation.

Parents / carers are advised that when making private arrangements for the transport of children, it is their responsibility to make appropriate checks in respect of insurance, licensing documentation and road worthiness of the vehicle. Parents / carers should also be satisfied that the driver is licensed and medically fit to drive.

If older players have permission to commute via public transport or via a privately arranged car journey with another adult not in a position of authority with Chertsey Cricket Club, please inform the coach, manager, or event organiser of this arrangement prior to the

## During the Match/Training

As the club cannot guarantee the availability of first aid facilities when attending away fixtures and to ensure that there is transport available should a fixture be terminated early (e.g. due to weather), parents / carers are requested to remain in attendance throughout. Should this not be possible, they should arrange for another parent / carer to take responsibility. Match Managers, umpires and scorers should not be asked to be responsible for children if parents /carers are unable to remain in attendance as they will be fully occupied in running the fixture.

Parents, guardians/carers are reminded that all Chertsey Cricket Club coaches, managers & volunteers cannot under any circumstances transport players under the age of 18 years old at any time, unless they are members of the same family.

Please discuss transport arrangements with the coach, manager or event organiser in the first instance.

## **Late Collection**

Should a parent / carer be late delivering or collecting their child, it is their responsibility to make contact with the coach or match manager as soon as possible in order to agree a mutually acceptable solution. In the absence of contact from parents / carers, the coach or match manager will make attempts to contact the parents / carers using the contact details that were provided on Spond (it is the responsibility of the parents / carers to notify the club of any changes to contact details during the season).

If all alternatives have been exhausted and an adult has to transport a child at the end of a fixture, and in the absence of communication with the parent / carer, the default will be to take them to Chertsey Cricket Club.

To minimise risk to both the adult and child, the following procedures should be adhered to:

- the driver should hold a current ECB DBS (Enhanced) check, be medically fit to drive and be in possession of a properly licensed, insured and maintained vehicle.
- the child's parents / carers must be informed of the arrangements as soon as possible (ideally by email / text message in addition to voice communication).
- a person other than the planned driver should talk to the child about the proposed transport arrangements to ensure that the child is comfortable with the plans.
- the driver should attempt to have more than one child in the car
- at all times the driver should aim not to be alone in a vehicle with a child (other than their own).

## **Open Age Matches**

Chertsey Cricket Club policy is that parents or responsible adults have the primary responsibility for transporting Young People to away matches.

However, by agreement of the parents, Young People can travel with adult players or other Young People.

It is the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure that the senior player has a valid driving licence, valid ECB DBS and holds valid insurance.

Chertsey Cricket Club advises the "Rule of Two" be followed when transporting juniors to senior matches, which mandates that at least two adults be present during any interaction or communication involving a child under the age of 18, to ensure all interactions are open, observable and justifiable. The rule protects both the child and the adult from potentially vulnerable situations.

Please Note:

The word “children” means all persons under the age of 18 years and therefore this policy applies to all persons under 18 years old regardless of whether they are playing in junior/colt teams or playing in adult teams.